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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/896,059

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

A. M. Thompson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-19, 21-36, 38-44, 46-52, 54-59 and 61-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-19, 21-36, 38-44, 46-52, 54-59 and 61-77 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/08/2003; 07/02/2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' amendment to 09/896,059 has been examined. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 27, 29, 30, 31, 36, 39, 47, and 54, 67 are amended. Claims 70-77 are added. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-36 38-44, 46-52, 54-59 and 61-77 are pending.

2. Applicants' amendment is persuasive in part. Any applicable objections/rejections are incorporated herein. A non-final action is required here because not all the changes required are necessitated by Applicants' amendment.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to: The clarity of the lines on all the figures are not uniformly defined and have poor line quality. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective

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action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 30, 31, 39, 47, 54 and 66 are objected to because of the following informalities: Pursuant to claims 1, 11, 21, 30, 31, 39, 47, 54 change "and/or" to either - -an- - or - -or- - - to clarify and definitely define the step. Pursuant to claims 6, 16, 26, and 66, "said IC design" lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Pursuant to claims 7, 17, 27, 36, 52, 59, 67, and 70-77, in these Markush claims, it is unclear what or which "combinations thereof" are being referenced. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please reference the attached PTO-892.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner A.M. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1909. The Examiner can usually be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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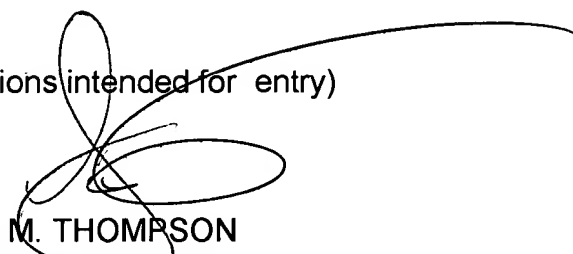
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